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Applicant

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For

VEHICLE STEERING WHEEL

Group Art Unit

3682

Examiner

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the following claims:

- (Amended) A vehicle steering wheel, comprising:
- a hub,
- a steering wheel rim, and
- at least one spoke having at least one spoke section,
- a skeleton for said steering wheel rim and said spoke,
- said skeleton being interrupted in a region between said spoke section and said steering wheel rim to define two separate skeleton parts, and

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